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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Liquidation of the Saigon Bureau

1. Saigon Bureau, FBIS and Far East Branch, FDD are the only known facilities for processing the publications of Communist Vietnam. This cooperative venture is of proven value to the intelligence community furnishing unique information to DRT/State; Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence; ONI, A-2; and for DD/I and DD/P, CIA.

2. FDD relies almost exclusively on Saigon Bureau for the procurement of newspapers and periodicals from Communist Vietnam.

The only source material otherwise received has been through the American Embassy in Moscow. Regular receipt through this channel cannot be anticipated.

3. Unless other procurement facilities are discovered, an interruption of the flow of source material would result in a minimum loss of \$25,000 a year in employee time covering reassignment and retraining for other areas. More seriously, it would result in the breakdown of the most dependable and regular source of basic and current overt intelligence information on the area.



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